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Students and staff at the University of Saskatchewan protest at the Saskatoon campus on Tuesday, many of them calling for the resignation or firing of U of S president Ilene Busch-Vishniac, inset.
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Campus outcry: 'We won't be Busch-wacked'

Budget cuts and a scandal heard 'round the country.
U of S students call for president's resignation

Hundreds of angry students, staff and alumni of the University of Saskatchewan staged a noisy protest on Tuesday, demanding the school's president resign amid a controversy over budget cuts and the firing of a professor who was later offered his teaching job back.

Students banged pots and pans and wore red felt squares on their breasts as they marched through campus until they arrived at the doorstep of university president Ilene Busch-Vishniac's office.

"We won't be Busch-wacked," they chanted.

"We want to see the current leadership of the administration gone," said protest organizer Nick Marlatte. "That means the president specifically. On top of that, the board of governors definitely needs to, in some way, show that they've been held accountable."

The cuts are part of a bigger goal to address a projected $44.5-million deficit in the school's operating budget by 2016.

Prof. Robert Buckingham was escorted from campus by police last Wednesday after writing a letter to the Saskatchewan government and Opposition New Democrats about the overhaul.

Busch-Vishniac has said the school "made a blunder" when it fired Buckingham. He was offered back his tenure position, but the president said he would not be reinstated as head of the School of Public Health. She said leadership is expected to align behind the decisions of the administration.

"I am not (considering resigning). I came here because I was attracted to the opportunities to build something at this university," she said on Tuesday.

"I've been doing exactly what the board asked me to do. I came here knowing that we had identified at this institution a significant financial structural problem that was emerging."

Minutes before a board meeting Monday night, Brett Fairbairn, the school's provost and vice-president academic, resigned. Fairbairn had signed Buckingham's termination letter.

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Back to Dog River for Corner Gas cast and crew

Province investing.
Sask. puts $2 million into production of Corner Gas movie

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Brent Butt works on the set of Corner Gas on Sept. 9, 2008, in Regina. The pumps at Corner Gas are set to reopen, as plans have been announced for a 90-minute feature film based on the successful Saskatchewan-produced television sitcom starring Butt. Inset: Tourism Saskatchewan CEO Pat Fiacco says the program is a brand that promotes the province. TROY FLEECE/THE CANADIAN PRESS; INSET: MARCO VIGLIOTTI/METRO

It's a made-in-Saskatchewan TV phenomenon seeking a successful transition to the big screen.

And it's getting some assistance from taxpayers in this province and from a Kickstarter campaign.

The provincial government is slated to contribute $2 million to the production of Corner Gas: The Movie — a feature-film adaption of the popular Canadian TV series centred around life in the fictional, sleepy Saskatchewan town of Dog River.

"When you look at the brand recognition that Corner Gas has ... that type of exposure fits nicely with our mandate to promote our province," Pat Fiacco, Tourism Saskatchewan CEO, said on Tuesday after the province announced its funding for the production.

The provincial tourism operator will chip in $1.5 million, while Creative Saskatchewan, an arm's-length government agency, will contribute up to $500,000.

The filmmakers' Kickstarter crowdfunding campaign at Cornergasthemovie.com aims to raise $100,000 for the production in 30 days. Fans can chip in $50 for a T-shirt, $6,000 for a speaking role and $8,000 for a private premiere in a local theatre, among other rewards.

Corner Gas: The Movie is fully financed with an $8-million budget, including funds from Telefilm Canada. The Kickstarter is more about fan engagement than fundraising, said co-executive producer Virginia Thompson.

"It's not a cash grab at all," she said. "When you raise money for a movie, you're not able to raise money to create unique experiences for fans. This is something we have to do outside of that."

The campaign had raised more than $16,000 by midday Tuesday.

"The movie picks up five years after we last checked in," said Brent Butt, Saskatchewan native and series creator, in a press release.

"It has everything you loved about the show — snappy dialogue, colourful yet relatable characters, ill-fitting denim trousers."

Speaking separately to The Canadian Press, Butt said the film is "something we talked about really early on after the series ended" and that he "always wanted to go back" to it.

"This is when the timing feels right to us," Butt said, "and it happens to be the 10th anniversary of Corner Gas hitting the air."

All eight of the central cast members are set to return, as the plot focuses on a devious plan by a corporate chain that would change Dog River forever.

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Loss of parking spots puts a damper on bike lane proposal

City hall. Business owners say loss of downtown parking stalls would drive customers away

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A cyclist is seen on 4th Avenue in downtown Saskatoon on Tuesday, shortly before Mayor Don Atchison, inset, and city councillors were asked to approve protected bicycle lanes on 24th Street and 4th Avenue in the downtown area. MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO

A Saskatoon business group is slamming a plan to remove parking stalls downtown in order to develop protected bicycle lanes.

City councillors were asked on Tuesday to green-light a $225,000 pilot project that would implement protected bike lanes on 24th Street and 4th Avenue for 18 months.

Of three options, city administrators found that stakeholders prefer a plan in which bikes would be separated from traffic by parked vehicles and by a one-metre painted buffer zone.

If the proposal is approved, 101 parking stalls will be gone between the two streets.

"We have a big problem with losing all of those parking spots," said Dave Denny, chairman of the Partnership Saskatoon downtown business improvement district.

"We identify — and I think all of our constituents see — a lack of convenient parking as probably one of the fundamental challenges we have to address in the short term as well as the long term."

Denny explained that while the Partnership is in favour of improving cycling safety, he wants the city to find a parking-neutral solution or to locate more parking space in the area.

However, Saskatoon Cycles, a group that spearheaded the project with its Better Bike Lanes campaign, said the change would improve public health and safety in encouraging more people to ride.

"If you are a cyclist who's just plain crazy or has a lot of experience, you're probably going to go (downtown)," said Saskatoon Cycles co-chairwoman Cathy Watts.

"But you're sure as heck not going to go if you're a very vulnerable cyclist."

A report to council explains that Saskatoon is working to increase parking downtown through a number of recommendations, including incentives to increase off-street parking and with development of a partnership with a private owner to construct a parked.

City council had not made a decision by press time.

Cold start to summer could mean fewer tornadoes

A tornado touches down southwest of Moose Jaw in June 2012.
MARK ROBINSON/THE WEATHER NETWORK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Environment Canada says a cold start to the spring and summer might make for a calm tornado season in Saskatchewan.

Though Environment Canada doesn't make overall predictions for extreme weather seasons, warning preparedness meteorologist Terri Lang says a system that locked Saskatchewan into a deep freeze this past winter could put a dent into the prospects for summer storms.

"We've been off to a slow start here on the Prairies, just because we've been dominated by the Arctic air," Lang said on Tuesday.

In 2013, 17 tornadoes hit Saskatchewan. Lang pointed out that thunderstorms need a specific combination of heat, moisture and dry air to produce such a natural phenomenon.

Lang explained that warm air and moisture, usually carried from the Gulf of Mexico, could be lacking as cold air from the north continues to be dumped into the Prairies.

"If the weather patterns aren't right for bringing that moisture in, the severe weather season will be suppressed and won't be as active," Lang said.

"That weather pattern with that cold northerly flow really hasn't broken down that much," she added. "I'm not saying we're in the polar vortex. I'm just saying that overall pattern is still there."

Lang noted that trends point to a calmer season in Saskatchewan, though changes in the higher levels of the atmosphere could create ideal conditions for storms later on. MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO IN SASKATOON

Summer storms

The summer storm season in Saskatchewan usually runs from the middle of May to the middle of September, with a peak in tornadoes between June and July, caused partly by moisture produced by growing crops.

- On average, the province sees about 13 tornadoes a season.

Buffalo Narrows

Man fined almost $20,000 for illegal selling of fish

Leon Morin pleaded guilty in Buffalo Narrows provincial court to four charges under the Saskatchewan Fisheries Act and Regulations for the illegal selling of fish.

The Environment Ministry says Morin unlawfully marketed fish caught for both commercial and subsistence purposes.

Officials investigated after reports in 2012 about large-scale abuse of walleye stocks in the Buffalo Narrows area.

Morin was charged after he sold undercover officers fish after the commercial season had ended.

Fish may be purchased from a licensed commercial fisher or dealer, but vendors must provide a receipt that includes the seller's contact information and where the fish was caught.

Morin is banned from commercial fishing for two years and must tell the Environment Ministry about any fish he has caught for subsistence.

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Worker safety

Saskatchewan to add more rules to asbestos registry

Saskatchewan is putting new requirements in place for an asbestos registry that Labour Minister Don Morgan says will help protect workers from exposure.

Occupational Health and Safety rules have been amended to include additional forms of asbestos to be reported and to update required information.

A law making asbestos reporting mandatory for Crown corporations, school districts, health regions and provincial government buildings was enacted last November.

Building owners have to submit information about the presence of asbestos to the registry.

Owners who have already provided information will have to review the changes to the rules and update their submissions if need be.

Compliance and enforcement are to come into effect for all asbestos-related activities on June 1.

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A Palestinian man shouts for help moments after teenager, Mohammad Abu Daher, on the ground, was shot to death. MAJDI MOHAMMED/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

New charges of excessive force used by soldiers

Israel. Security footage first surfaced late Monday when an advocacy group released excerpts

Security-camera video showing two unarmed Palestinians crumpling to the ground during a lull in a stone-throwing clash with Israeli soldiers revived allegations by human rights activists Tuesday that the troops often use excessive force.

The Israeli rights group B'Tselem said the images back its findings that troops killed the teens without cause by firing live rounds from more than 200 metres away. The soldiers were in "zero danger" at the time, said Sarit Michaeli of B'Tselem.

Israeli Defence Minister Moshe Yaalon said, "It was a life-threatening situation, so the officers acted accordingly." He said he hadn't seen the video, but alleged the images had been manipulated through editing. Lt. Col. Peter Lerner, a senior spokesman, said preliminary findings show forces fired only rubber-coated steel pellets, a standard means of crowd control, and did not use live fire.

The United Nations and the U.S. State Department called on the Israeli authorities to conduct a transparent investigation. UN Assistant Secretary-General Oscar Fernandez-Taranco told the Security Council's monthly Mideast briefing: "It is of serious concern that initial information appears to indicate that the two Palestinians killed were both unarmed and appeared to pose no direct threat."

At issue is a clash between Israeli troops and Palestinian stone-throwers May 15 near the West Bank town of Beitouniya, a few hundred meters from an Israeli military base, Ofer.

The security footage first surfaced late Monday when a local advocacy group, Defence for Children International Palestine, released excerpts that it said showed the two fatal shootings.

B'Tselem later obtained the unedited footage, which was also given to The Associated Press. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mideast's pain ongoing

Security footage does not show a source of gunfire or a shooter in either incident.

- An AP cameraman who was present during the confrontations said the video is in line with what he witnessed.
- The bodies of the slain teens were taken to Ramallah Hospital. They were identified as Nadim Nawara and Mohammed Abu Dhaher, both 17.
- Emergency doctor Samir Saliba said both were killed by live fire to the upper body.

Egypt's left hopes for youth vote

By far the underdog in Egypt's presidential elections, candidate Hamdeen Sabahi, is trying to rally youth behind him as the hope for the country's pro-democracy "revolution" in his race against the former military chief, who some fear will bring back an autocratic rule.

But the deck is heavily stacked against the 59-year-old leftist politician.

His opponent, retired field marshal Abdel-Fattah el-Ssi, has a tidal wave of support behind him in a country gripped by jingoistic fervour and adulation for the military after his ouster of Islamist President Mohammed Morsi last summer.

TV stations and newspapers are deeply in favour of el-Sissi, treating him with presidential reverence. El-Sissi posters are everywhere in the streets, while Sabahi's are rarely seen.

Sabahi's strategy is to try to overcome widespread calls for a boycott of the vote by young activists who dismiss the May 26-27 election as a farce.

Some among the revolutionary activist groups that led the 2011 mass uprising against Hosni Mubarak are skeptical of Sabahi. But others have rallied to him. According to officials 37 million of Egypt's 53 million voters are 18-40. In 2012 presidential elections, Sabahi made a surprisingly strong third-place showing, garnering nearly 5 million votes.

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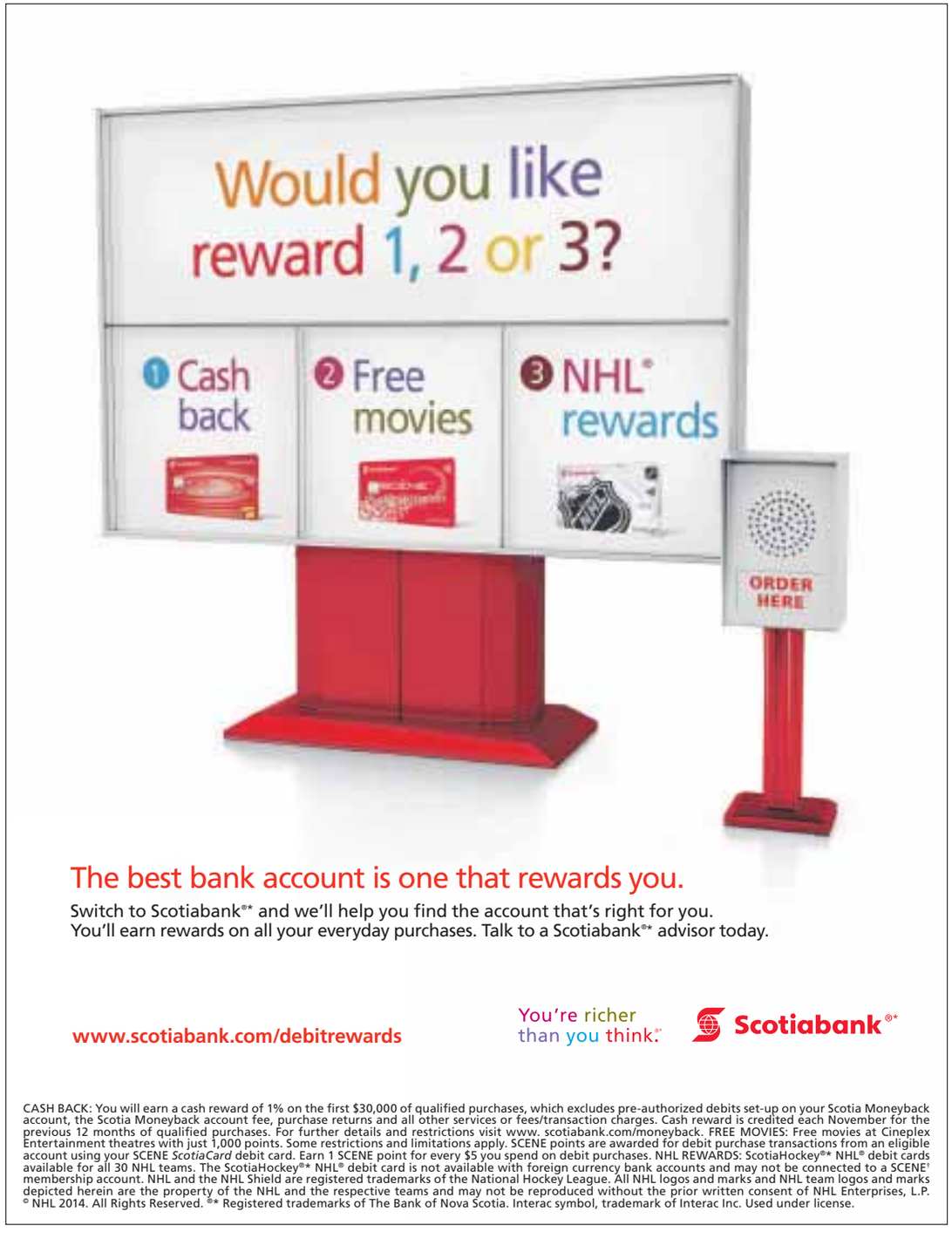
Egypt's leftist presidential hopeful Hamdeen Sabahi. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS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Prince Charles calls youth to action on global challenges

Royal tour. First in line to the throne visits P.E.I., birthplace of Confederation

Prince Charles says the need to tackle the world's challenges became more evident for him after the birth of his grandson as he highlighted Tuesday the need to harness the creativity of young people to find innovative solutions to those problems.

Known for being outspoken on social and environmental issues, Charles said in a speech in Charlottetown that it's important to see the connections between the planet's challenges and its well-being.

"They all … rest on the nexus of water, energy and food security and finding common purpose in meeting our common needs," he said.

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"The health of nature's life-support systems … has a direct bearing upon the health and well-being of people."

Prince Charles' speech in Charlottetown

Charles listed a number of issues facing the world, including the widening gap between rich and poor, the lack of opportunity for women and girls, youth unemployment, deforestation and overfishing after he received an honorary Symons Medal for his contribution to Canadian society.

The Prince of Wales said the birth of his grandson George last year has had an impact on his views. Charles and his wife Camilla were in the middle of a four-day tour of Canada. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Prince Charles and his wife Camilla with actress Katie Kerr portraying Anne of Green Gables in Charlottetown, P.E.I., Tuesday. PAUL CHIASSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Veteran politicians to lead Ukraine mission

Former premier Mike Harris and Conservative Sen. Raynell Andreychuk will lead the independent Canadian mission to observe the Ukrainian presidential election at the end of the month.

Of the 500 people Canada is sending to monitor the vote, 338 will be with the independent election observation mission led by Harris and Andreychuk, said Prime Minister Stephen Harper in a statement Tuesday.

"Canada has been steadfast in its support for Ukraine and we are proud to once again play a role in fostering democracy and good governance at this challenging time in that country," Harper said.

The remaining 162 will participate in observation missions run by the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe.

Andreychuk is a Saskatchewan Conservative appointed to the upper house by Brian Mulroney in 1993. A key figure in the Canadian-Ukrainian community, Andreychuk led similar Canadian delegations in 2010 and 2012.

Harris was the Progressive Conservative premier of Ontario from 1995 to 2002, winning two majority governments. Harper said Harris will bring insights and expertise from the democratic process and executive leadership.

The Harper government has been a vigorous supporter of Ukraine in the face of Russia's annexation of the Crimean Peninsula and efforts to destabilize other regions of the country.

People react during a rally supporting Ukrainian presidential candidate Petro Poroshenko in Uman, Ukraine, on Tuesday. The presidential vote in Ukraine is scheduled for May 25. CEFREM LUKATSKY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Harper — who visited Ukraine in March — has been blunt in criticizing Russian President Vladimir Putin's actions against Ukraine. Both he and Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird have portrayed him as a threat to world peace.

Canada has imposed various sanctions against some Russian and Ukrainian individuals and institutions. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Dog deception. Bodies of 'stolen' dogs found in ditch

The bodies of six dogs initially reported stolen from the back of a dog walker's truck were found dumped in a ditch in Abbotsford, B.C., says an SPCA spokeswoman.

Lorie Chortyk said the agency retrieved the bodies of the young- to middle-aged dogs and transferred them Tuesday to a lab where necropsies will be done.

The results are expected within a week and will determine how long the dogs were left in a vehicle in Langley, where they are believed to have died in hot weather.

The necropsy results, along with interviews with the dog walker and any witnesses, will be part of the SPCA's report to Crown counsel, which will decide if animal cruelty charges will be laid.

The SPCA took over the investigation on Monday after the dog walker admitted the animals were not stolen.

The woman initially told police and the dogs' owners that she left her vehicle to use the washroom in a dog park and when she returned the dogs were gone.

Chortyk said the SPCA and police deal with hundreds of calls every year involving dogs left in vehicles.

Animal cruelty

The dog walker's name has not been released because charges have not been laid. But in addition to possible public mischief charges for falsely reporting a theft, she could face:

- **B.C.** Maximum fine $75,000 or two years in jail
- **Criminal Code of Canada.** Maximum fine $5,000 and 18 months jail

"If you either wilfully or through your actions allow an animal to suffer, that can be a criminal act."

Dogs don't sweat the way we do and can be overcome with heat exhaustion, brain damage or even death in as little as 10 minutes because the temperature in a car can rise quickly, she said. Animal cruelty charges could be laid under provincial or federal laws, Chortyk said.

RCMP have said the dogs apparently died in the back of the vehicle and they are looking into possible public mischief charges. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Eastern Townships

PQ star injured in bicycle accident

Parti Québécois star Pierre Karl Peladeau was recovering in hospital on Tuesday after suffering several fractures in a bicycle accident.

The PQ said in a statement the accident occurred in the Eastern Townships on Sunday. Peladeau, the majority owner of Quebecor Inc., has been considered a contender for the vacant PQ leadership. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Newfoundland

Memorial U gets whale carcass

Memorial University says it has reached a tentative agreement that would see the remains of a blue whale carcass that washed ashore on Newfoundland's west coast displayed at the school.

The school in St. John's, N.L., says the Royal Ontario Museum will dismantle and clean the whale as part of the agreement.

Mark Abrahams, the dean of science at Memorial University, says it is a rare opportunity for the province. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Fears erupt in Nigeria as car bombs explode

Twin blasts. Death toll expected to rise beyond the already 118 confirmed dead

Nigeria's emergency agency says twin car bombs that exploded at a bustling bus terminal and market in Nigeria's central city of Jos have killed at least 118 people.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the twin car bombs. But they bore the hallmarks of Boko Haram, the Islamic extremist group that abducted nearly 300 schoolgirls last month and has repeatedly targeted bus stations and other locations where large numbers of people gather in its campaign to impose Islamic law on Nigeria.

The second blast came half an hour after the first, killing some of the rescue workers who had rushed to the scene, which was obscured by billows of black smoke.

Dozens of bodies and body parts were covered in grain that had been loaded in the second car bomb, witnesses said. A Terminus Market official said he helped remove 50 casualties, most of them dead. He spoke on condition of anonymity because he is not allowed to give information to reporters.

"It's horrifying, terrible," said Mark Lipdo of the Stefanos Foundation, a Christian charity based in Jos, who described the sickening smell of burning human flesh.

A woman's body, her legs blown off and her hand reaching out of the flames, lay on the edge of an inferno consuming other bodies. Another woman, unconscious and wrapped in a brightly coloured cloth, was being carried away in a wheelbarrow on a road strewn with glass shards.

Smoke rises after a bomb blast at a bus terminal in Jos, Nigeria, on Tuesday.
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Boko Haram has claimed other recent bomb attacks, including two separate bomb blasts in April that killed more than 120 people and wounded more than 200 in Abuja, the nation's capital. One bomb went off at a busy bus station.

Militants' attacks have been coming with increasing frequency despite a year-old military state of emergency in three of Nigeria's states to curtail the uprising.

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Boko Haram. Expert says Western help is 'late'

A terrorism expert says western nations, including Canada, are coming late to the game in confronting the extremist group that's seized nearly 300 teenage girls in Nigeria.

The U.S., Britain, Canada, France, Israel and China have all sent teams to the western African country, which has been locked in a deadly struggle with al-Qaida-affiliated Boko Haram for almost a dozen years.

Wesley Wark, one of Canada's foremost experts on international and domestic terrorism, says the recent kidnapping has given the group an international platform and perhaps more notoriety than it deserves.

Washington has acknowledged that it is providing intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance support in an international effort to free the girls. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Uganda

Warlord Kony transfers power to young son

The fugitive African warlord Joseph Kony has handed over command of his group to one of his sons, a Ugandan military official said on Tuesday, an elevation that further marginalizes senior commanders who may threaten Kony's fading authority.

Salim Saleh was born in the 1990s, has spent all his life in the bush and is said to be as ruthless as Kony.

Kony is the subject of an international manhunt involving U.S. forces in parts of Central Africa, where his group — the Lord's Resistance Army — has wreaked havoc over the years in violent rampages that include the abduction of children. The LRA has taken boys who are then forced to become fighters and girls who become sex slaves.

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Residents try to dig out a car trapped in the mud from a landslide at the village of Topcic Polje, Bosnia-Herzegovina Tuesday. Bosnia, Serbia and Croatia have been hit by the worst flooding in a century, forcing half a million people out of their homes and leading to more than three dozen deaths. SULEJMAN OMERBASIC/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

'Worse than the war': Flood victim

Bosnia. Tens of thousands displaced, many for the second time in their lives

It took only a few minutes for a roaring landslide to leave Ramiz Skopljak homeless for the second time in his life.

The first time he had been 47, and though his house was a ruin, the Bosnian war at least left him his land in Topcic Polje, central Bosnia, on which to start anew.

Now he is 65 and even if he could find the folder with the title deed buried somewhere in the mud covering his village it wouldn't help. The land itself has disappeared, along with a chunk of the hill it stood on.

"This is worse than war," the broken man whispered.

His family had to run out of the house so fast on Thursday that none of the eight members could even grab a wallet, a personal document or a mobile phone. They have nothing now.

Skopljak's monthly retirement pay is $295, and he shares it with his wife, his son and his daughter-in-law who are among Bosnia's 44 per cent unemployed.

He said he does not know how many houses the landslide swallowed but he would be surprised if 30 per cent of the village's 1,430 residents will be able to stay in Topcic Polje.

More than 2,000 landslides have been recorded in the past few days in Bosnia, which along with neighbouring Serbia is struggling with the worst flooding in southeastern Europe in more than a century.

At least 43 people have died in five days of flooding caused by unprecedented torrential rain. Entire towns and villages are under water and tens of thousands have been forced to flee their homes.

Bosnia's Foreign Minister Zlatko Lagumdzija called the flood and landslide damage "immense."

"After the war, people had nothing," he said. "Now they have nothing except bank loans they took to rebuild their homes" at the end of the country's 1992-95 war that killed at least 100,000 people and left millions homeless. Today the country is upside down. Buses and trucks with thousands of volunteers and collected aid are jamming still-passable roads. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Health hazard

Drowned livestock a new threat

A new calamity emerged Tuesday in the flood-hit Balkans as rescue workers battled overflowing rivers — and were confronted by wastelands of drowned livestock.

As the rainfall stopped and temperatures rose, the withdrawing floodwaters revealed a harrowing sight: thousands of dead cows, pigs, sheep and other animals left behind as their panicked owners fled.

In the northern Bosnian town of Samac, troops used ropes to pull nearly 400 dead cows out of a barn and drove the carcasses away on trucks. In Samac, like many towns, waters rose within hours. Farmers often had no time to free their livestock so that they could attempt to swim to safety. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Dead cows that have yet to be taken away by the Bosnian military from a farm near the town of Samac on Tuesday. AMEL EMRIC/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Russia. At least 6 dead, 45 injured after train collision near Moscow

A collision between a cargo train and a passenger train near Moscow killed at least six people Tuesday and left up to 45 others injured, Russian officials said.

The Interior Ministry said the accident happened when several cars on a cargo train derailed and hit a passenger train moving on a parallel track near Naro-Fominsk, a town 50 kilometres southwest of Moscow.

Officials issued contradictory claims about the cause of the accident.

Footage from the crash site broadcast by Russian television showed one side of a passenger car torn away by the collision.

Nina Suslonova, the Moscow region's health care minister, told the Rossiya 24 news channel that five people were confirmed dead at the site. Dmitry Pestov, a deputy head of the Moscow region's government, later said that another person died in hospital, the Interfax news agency reported.

Those who were injured were all in the same car.

The Emergency Situations Ministry said 45 people were injured and 25 of them were hospitalized. It said 15 were in grave condition.

The passenger train had been travelling from Moscow to Chisinau, Moldova.

Moscow's public transport department initially said the accident was caused by a crack in the rail, but the Investigative Committee said it occurred when a cargo container came loose and hit the passenger train.

Hundreds of rescue workers, dozens of ambulance crews and several helicopters rushed to the site to help the victims. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Oscar Pistorius. Murder trial postponed for psychiatric evaluation

Oscar Pistorius will start a period of psychiatric evaluation at a government institution next week, a judge ruled on Tuesday as she postponed the star athlete's murder trial until June 30.

A panel of mental health experts is now to decide if the double-amputee runner can be held criminally responsible for killing his girlfriend.

Judge Thokozile Masipa said Tuesday that the panel should determine whether any mental illness may have affected Pistorius' capacity to be "criminally responsible" for killing Reeva Steenkamp. She said the panel would evaluate "whether he was capable of appreciating the wrongfulness of his act or of acting in accordance with an appreciation of the wrongfulness of his act."

The period of evaluation will be for no more than 30 days, the judge said, and will depend on how long the panel of four experts needs to observe Pistorius and compile a report for the court. The panel will consist of three psychiatrists and a clinical psychologist, Masipa said.

The world-famous disabled athlete faces 25 years to life in prison if found guilty on the premeditated murder charge. He is free on bail.

Masipa's ruling came on day 33 of proceedings in the trial, which started March 3 and was initially predicted to last three weeks. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Drug delivery

Four charged in 'dial-a-dope' case

Four suspected drug dealers have been formally charged in Salt Lake City in what police are calling a "drive-up" heroin ring that operated like pizza delivery service.

The four are among 10 men who were arrested last week, including 28-year-old Carlos Santiago-Casenada. He was charged in 3rd District Court on Monday with the most counts, including money laundering, unlawful activity, possession with intent to distribute and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Police say drug purchasers called "dispatchers" to place orders and receive a pickup location, where they would be handed their order via a "runner."

More charges are pending in what investigators also called a "dial-a-dope" operation. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PM's project. Gates throws the gauntlet before maternal summit

The noted philanthropist Melinda Gates says an unacceptable number of newborn babies are dying in poor countries because the developed world simply isn't investing enough money to save them.

Gates is issuing an international call for more funding as she helps launch new research in the medical journal The Lancet on the plight of new mothers, babies and young children in developing countries.

The frank talk from Gates means more spending pressure on Prime Minister Stephen Harper as he hosts a major international meeting next week on his signature aid initiative — maternal, newborn and child health.

Harper committed $2.8 billion to the cause at the G8 summit Canada hosted in 2010 and is chairing a three-day international meeting in Toronto as a follow-up to raise awareness.

Each year 2.9 million newborn babies die around the world, while another 2.6 million are stillborn, the Lancet study concluded.

That's half the 1990 rate but still too high, according to the 55 experts from 18 countries that contributed to the report. The Lancet study estimates that by 2020 it would cost about 91 cents per person to lower the annual death rate of newborns by 1.3 million, while reducing stillbirths by 530,000 per year. "Canada has been one of the leaders in this," said Dr. Mickey Chopra of the UN. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Newborn deaths

Melinda Gates is the co-chair of the foundation named after her and her husband, Bill. Their foundation joined six countries in contributing to Harper's initiative in 2010.

Activity levels of Canadian kids is behind global pack

Children play in the waters of B.C.'s Semiahmoo Bay. A new report finds Canadian kids aren't getting enough physical activity, especially compared to peers in other countries. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

New report. Canadian children and youth were assigned a D- grade for overall activity levels

A new report reveals that the overall physical activity levels of Canadian kids are lagging behind those of youngsters from other nations.

For the first time, Active Healthy Kids Canada is using its annual Report Card on Physical Activity for Children and Youth to see how Canadians measure up to kids in 14 other countries.

The findings were released Tuesday at the first-ever Global Summit on the Physical Activity of Children being held in Toronto.

Canadian children and youth were assigned a D-minus grade for overall physical-activity levels.

Canada trailed near the back of the international pack along with Australia, Ireland and the U.S. — who were also each assigned a D-minus — while Scotland received an F. Mozambique and New Zealand topped the list for activity levels. The report found that 84 per cent of Canadian three- to four-year-olds met early years guidelines of at least 180 minutes of daily physical activity at any intensity. But only seven per cent of five- to 11-year-olds and four per cent of 12- to 17-year-olds in Canada meet guidelines. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Values

"Our country values ... doing more in less time, which may be at direct odds with promoting children's health."
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GM recalls over 180k Canadian cars

Another day, another recall from General Motors. At least that's the way it seems as the automaker reviews safety issues across its lineup of cars and trucks in the wake of a mishandled recall of millions of older small cars.

Three of the recalls affected a total of 181,500 vehicles sold in Canada, including 105,700 to fix a cable that could wear over time and misalign the gear shifter on Chevrolet Malibu and Pontiac G6 mid-sized cars with four-speed transmissions.

While there were no fatalities, GM has temporarily halted sales of the vehicles. GM has recalled 13.6 million vehicles in the U.S. since February, more than the number of cars it sold in the U.S. in five years.

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Second occurrence

Plane diverts for ill flight attendants

A US Airways flight from Italy to Philadelphia has been diverted to Ireland, for the second time in 10 days, after some flight attendants fell ill.

Federal and airline officials are investigating Monday's incident involving Flight 715 from Venice. On May 10, the same flight had to be diverted to Dublin because several crew members became sick.

It was not immediately known what caused the illness. US Airways said none of the 238 passengers on Monday's flight reported medical issues.

After landing in Dublin on Monday, crew members were evaluated by medics and then allowed to return home.

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Settlement of $7.7M

Admissions council to stop flagging test scores of disabled

The organization that administers the Law School Admission Test has agreed to pay roughly $7.7 million to settle allegations that it discriminated against students who sought extra time to take the exam.

The Law School Admission Council has also agreed to stop flagging score reports of students who took the test untimed to accommodate learning disabilities.

LSAC said in a statement that it decided to settle because it didn't make sense to fight it in court. The council said the justice department had long been aware of its practices but only decided to force a change in 2012.

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USDA allows some schools to delay new lunch menus

Whole grain foods. School administrators say it can be tough to find pastas, tortillas and grits that satisfy regulations

The U.S. Department of Agriculture will allow some schools to delay adding more whole-grain foods to meals this year, responding to criticism from school nutrition officials and Congress that the standards were too difficult to meet.

The delay comes hours after a Republican-led House spending panel criticized the Obama administration's healthier school-lunch standards and proposed letting some schools opt out for up to two years.

USDA said schools can put off a requirement that grain products in schools be whole-grain rich, or more than half whole grain, if they can demonstrate that they have had "significant challenges" in preparing those products.

"Schools raised legitimate concerns that acceptable whole-grain rich pasta products were not available," said Kevin Concannon, USDA undersecretary for food, nutrition and consumer services.

While many students have adapted easily to whole-grain breads and rolls, school nutrition directors say they are having a harder time with pastas, biscuits, tortillas and grits — all popular items during lunch.

Championed by first lady Michelle Obama, the standards have been phased in over the last two years, with more changes this year, including rules limiting fat, calorie, sugar and sodium in foods.

While many have had success putting the rules in place, others have said they are restrictive and costly.

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Students pick up their lunch at Barre Town Elementary School in Barre Town, Vt. TOBY TALBOT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

New summer look for San Fran's curvaceous Lombard Street?

Motorists make their way down Lombard Street on Tuesday in San Francisco. The famously crooked street could soon be closed starting in late June and including the Fourth of July weekend during the summer tourist season. A transportation commission is scheduled to consider an pilot closure of the curvaceous street, and an adjoining block where cars line up and wait. An average of 2,000 vehicles travel on the street during that period, the city said. MARCIO JOSE SANCHEZ/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LGBTQ. Federal judge overturns Pennsylvania's ban on same-sex marriage

Pennsylvania's ban on gay marriage was overturned Tuesday by a federal judge in a decision that makes same-sex marriage legal throughout the Northeast.

Pennsylvania was the last remaining state to outlaw gay marriage in the Northeast, a region that tends to be socially liberal and Democratic.

An appeal to the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals is likely. If the decision stands, Pennsylvania would become the 19th state to legalize gay marriage.

State marriage bans have been falling around the U.S., including in several socially conservative states, since the Supreme Court last year struck down part of the federal Defence of Marriage Act in a landmark ruling. Oregon became the 18th state on Monday, when jubilant couples began applying for marriage licences immediately after a federal judge issued a ruling that invalidated that state's voter-approved same-sex marriage ban.

The issue of state marriage bans is ultimately expected to be decided by the Supreme Court. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Quoted

"We are a better people than what these laws represent, and it is time to discard them into the ash heap of history."

U.S. District Judge John Jones on the 1996 state ban

Viva Las Vegas! Carrot Top, Louie Anderson feature in security video

Las Vegas airport officials are freshening up the funny videos that play at security checkpoints.

Tourism officials announced earlier this month that they released eight new videos illustrating U.S. Transportation Security Administration policies as travellers wait for screenings at McCarran International Airport.

The videos feature Las Vegas comedians Carrot Top and Louie Anderson, ventriloquist Terry Fator and performers from the Blue Man Group, among others. They address TSA procedures for liquids, gels and aerosols, metals and electronics, carry-on luggage, and weapons.

Airport security official Michael Bennett said he hopes the videos will capture passengers' attention while getting important messages across and speeding up the screening process at the nation's ninth-busiest airport.

"By engaging people in that 'Only in Vegas' way, these videos make our checkpoints a little less cumbersome and keep things running smoothly," he said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TSA

The airport was the first to create quirky checkpoint videos when it released a set in 2004. But agency rules have changed in the past decade and officials said it was time for something new.

Military chief declares martial law in Thailand

Political crisis.
Country has been gripped by turmoil since 2006, when former Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra was ousted

Residents stop to take a selfie at a military checkpoint in Bangkok on Tuesday. KIKO ROSARIO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Thailand's powerful military chief intervened Tuesday for the first time in the country's latest political crisis, declaring martial law and dispatching gun-mounted jeeps into the heart of the capital with a vow to resolve the deepening conflict as quickly as possible.

The move stopped short of a coup and left the nation's caretaker government intact, along with the constitution. Life continued normally with residents unfazed by the news, which follows six months of crippling protests that killed 28 people and injured more than 800.

But the intervention left the country at another precarious crossroads — its fate now in the hands of the military.

Thailand has been gripped by off-and-on political turmoil since 2006, when former Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra was toppled by a military coup after being accused of corruption, abuse of power and disrespect for Thailand's king.

The army action came a day after Thailand's caretaker prime minister refused to step down, resisting pressure from a group of senators calling for a new interim government with full power to conduct political reforms.

Life in Bangkok and the rest of the country remained largely unaffected, with schools, businesses and tourist sites open and traffic flowing normally. Near one of Bangkok's most luxurious shopping malls, bystanders stopped to snap smiling "selfies" of themselves with armed soldiers in jeeps and Humvees. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

'Chamber of horrors.' Spanish university kept donated bodies piled in basement: Reports

A Spanish university is investigating how dozens of bodies donated to medical science came to be piled up in a campus basement, following newspaper publication of grotesque images of the remains dumped in what the daily said resembled a chamber of horrors.

A statement from Madrid Complutense University said the bodies had been due for incineration as their use in research had ended but that spending cuts had caused delays.

It said it was an isolated occurrence and that the newspaper was distorting reality.

El Mundo newspaper photo and video images showed the discarded body parts, some not covered by sheets, piled on shelves and tables.

The papers said there were some 250 bodies and that many had been there for years. It said some were kept in a refrigerated room, and compared the images to a mass grave.

The university said it had reached an agreement recently with a funeral company and the bodies would be removed this week. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

It's getting hot in here

April sun's power in full flower

Once again, the world hit record heat levels. The average global temperature last month tied the hottest April on record four years ago. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration on Tuesday say last month's average temperature was 14.5 C. That was 0.77 C warmer than the average last century. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Swipe, swipe, swipe to get a love match

The new dating game. Singles no longer have to endure happy hour, these days all they need to find a date is an app

So, a lady walks into a bar... Wait, scratch that. A lady takes out her phone. With a left swipe of her finger she dismisses Alex, 25 and Robert, 48. She swipes right when a photo of James, 24, pops up. It's a match. James had swiped right too. They chat, and make plans to meet. They're only three miles apart, after all.

Welcome to the new world of dating. As the near-constant use of smartphones proliferates and as people grow more comfortable with disclosing their location, a new class of mobile dating applications is emerging that spans a range as broad as human desire itself.

Millennials, busy with school, jobs and social lives, say the apps save time and let users filter out the undesirables, based on a few photos, words and Facebook connections. Unlike the dating websites of yore, with endless profiles to browse and lengthy messages to compose, newer apps offer a sense of immediacy and simplicity that in many ways harkens back to the good old days of just walking up to an attractive stranger and making small talk.

But apps offer users a way to get some dirt before chatting.

"If you are in a bar and a guy comes to talk to you, you are immediately going to be freaked out and you don't want to talk to them because they are drunk," says Melissa Ellard, 23, who uses Hinge and says she wouldn't have gone on a date in the past six months were it not for the app. "When you are using the app, you get to look at their picture and see background information. You get to decide whether you want to continue it or not. When I meet someone, I want to know everything about them before I go on a date with them."

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Melissa Ellard, with her dog Nike, uses the dating app Hinge. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Target Canada head out after missing the mark

Target has fired the president of its troubled Canadian operations, Tony Fisher, and is replacing him with a 15-year U.S. company veteran in a bid to address inventory issues and bring customers back into its stores. The executive shakeup in Canada comes two weeks after the abrupt resignation of Target's CEO and Chairman Gregg Steinhafel. GETTY IMAGES

Turkey's PM promises justice after mine disaster

Turkey's prime minister pledged Tuesday to not allow anyone responsible for the country's worst mine disaster to go unpunished and promised improved supervision of Turkish mines.

Recep Tayyip Erdogan spoke a day after a court ordered the arrests of three more people as part of probe into the coal-mine fire in the western town of Soma, which killed 301 people. The arrests raised the number of suspects facing charges of negligent death to eight.

The disaster has provoked anger at a critical time for Erdogan, as he mulls running in August's presidential election.

"God willing, everyone will draw the necessary lessons from this disaster," Erdogan said in his weekly speech to ruling party legislators. "We shall be more determined than ever to increase supervision and to take the necessary steps."

"No one will be able to cover up this painful incident. All criminal and administrative investigations will be carried out and we will be strictly monitoring them."

The state-run Anadolu Agency said the CEO and the general manager of mine company Soma Komur Isletmer A.S., Can Gurkan and Ramazan Dogru, were among those arrested late Monday.

They were among 25 people who were initially taken into custody as part of the probe on Sunday.

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Human rights

Germany clamps down on exports of surveillance tech

Germany says it will restrict exports of surveillance technology to states that fail to respect their citizens' human rights.

Economy Minister Sigmar Gabriel says the move is designed to prevent spy software 'Made in Germany' from being used for internal repression by autocratic regimes. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Turning the tables?

China, America in war of words over cyberspying

China on Tuesday warned the United States was jeopardizing military ties by charging five Chinese officers with cyberspying and tried to turn the tables on Washington by calling it "the biggest attacker of China's cyberspace."

The Foreign Ministry demanded Washington withdraw the indictment.

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European basketball

Flurry of alleged anti-Semitic tweets following game

Jewish organizations in Spain have asked prosecutors to investigate some 18,000 allegedly anti-Semitic insults sent via Twitter following a weekend European basketball game.

The complaints refer to tweets sent after Israel's Maccabi Tel Aviv beat Spain's Real Madrid.

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Swiss banks

Credit Suisse seems to be just tip of the iceberg

Swiss leaders said Tuesday they're satisfied with the U.S. deal to settle criminal charges against Credit Suisse and that it will allow the bank to turn a page on the high-profile dispute.

But they noted about a dozen other Swiss regional banks remain in the Americans' crosshairs for allegedly helping tax cheats.

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Obama. Made in America promoted at White House

President Barack Obama played the role of business pitchman Tuesday, saluting executives whose companies have chosen to gain or expand their footprint in the United States.

Obama, at the White House, welcomed leaders of 11 foreign and U.S.-based firms, including Canadian legwear maker Richelieu, that have opened new plants in the United States or brought back overseas operations.

Obama cited low energy costs, a productive workforce and a "dynamic economy" as major U.S. attractions for corporate investment.

"We want folks to know this is a great place to do business," he told the executives, including Ericsson North America chief executive Angel Ruiz and Lufthansa chairman and chief executive Carsten Spohr.

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KIMYE: APRÈS MARIAGE, LE DÉLUGE

JUST SAYIN'

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Coming up this week: the defining moment of our age.

Famous-for-nothing Kim Kardashian is marrying the Biggest Ego on the Planet, "Yeezus" Kanye West, at the Forti De Belvedere in Florence on Saturday, the day after they and their guests take a private tour of the Palace of Versailles, former home of Louis XV, who famously said, "Après moi, le déluge."

Well, it never rains but it pours.

The original plan was for the couple to be married in Versailles, but the people who run the palace must have learned something after the wretched excesses of the Sun King and Marie Antoinette and will only allow a tour.

Of course, the palace is just a tumbrel ride away from the Place de la Concorde in downtown Paris, where former occupants of the palace lost their heads, victims of the wrath of the Republic.

The only mobs following Kim and Kanye around are paparazzi, although they're bad enough: Kim eats an ice cream cone on the Left Bank! Kim goes to the gym! Kim shows half a boob in display of pre-wedding fitness! Nothing about this wedding and its preparations escapes the scrutiny of the tabloid channels.

For example: Kim turned up in Paris with 10 suitcases, which must have made for an interesting answer to the question "Avez-vous quelque chose à déclarer?"

And this: the ice cream flavour was brittle nut macadamia, and the couple ordered two scoops.

The bill came to 14 euros, which is like 10 bucks an ice cream cone.

"J'adore Paris," observed KK.

Come on! How much more of this can we take? A lot, apparently. It's only Wednesday.

Am I the only one left in the world to remember that Kim Kardashian has done absolutely nothing to acquire her vast, social-media-stoked wealth and fame?

Nobody else seems to care. Celebrity is celebrity. Kim has even spawned a growth industry called Kardashian.

For example, on the same day La Kim went out for ice cream on the Left Bank, her kid brother Rob engaged in a tweet fest with the media because he is fat.

I mean, 35 per cent of the U.S. over-20 population is fat.

That's not news. Or it's bad news. But it's Rob Kardashian's claim to fame. In fact, the body weight of the entire clan is a national obsession. Kim and her sisters Kourtney and Khloé alert the media every time their clothes fit.

But really, it's all about Kim.

If I'm Kanye West and I'm touring the fabulous Hall of Mirrors on Friday, I might cast a quick glance at myself and make sure I still cast a reflection.

Because even the world's largest ego is going to have trouble keeping up with the Kardashian(s).

Yeezus.

ZOOM

Banding together for mascot

Emit, a four-week-old southern three-banded armadillo, eats banana off the hand of a zookeeper. A group in Brazil hopes the fact that the endangered armadillo is the World Cup mascot will raise awareness at all levels of society about the importance of saving the armadillo and its natural habitat. TOM UHLMAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Saving the three-banded armadillo

A Brazilian environmental group has launched an effort to save the endangered three-banded armadillo, the mascot for the World Cup starting next month.

The armadillo is in danger of extinction, largely because of deforestation and hunting in its habitat in the shrub lands of northeastern Brazil. Its meat is considered a delicacy by many in the region.

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World Cup baller

Those risks in large part are why the armadillo was chosen as World Cup mascot. Another is that when it's frightened, it rolls up into a ball small enough to fit into one hand, looking like a tan soccer ball.

Its hard shell protects it from its natural predators, jaguars and foxes, but it becomes easy prey for hunters since it does not dig a hole to hide in.

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Geminid showers coming up all flowers

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There's a wonderful little corner of YouTube devoted to Kenneth Brandon and his time-lapsed eye-candy series with an eye turned toward the night skies above California's more rugged spaces.

This beautiful footage of 2012's Geminid meteor shower over Big Sur is a nice example of his prodigious output. If you find yourself impressed, be sure to check out more of his work at youtube.com/kennethbrandon. (Via Kenneth Brandon/YouTube)

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Blended mix meets match

When two families commingle. From The Brady Bunch to its film granddaddy, Yours, Mine and Ours, Hollywood loves a blended family story

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The Brady Bunch is pop culture's most famous blended family.

The story of a "lovely lady who was bringing up three very lovely girls," and a "man named Brady with three boys of his own," who "would somehow form a family," ran for fives seasons on TV, endlessly in reruns and even spawned two movies.

"The Brady Bunch is a live-action modern fairy tale of family," says Christopher Knight who played Peter Brady on the original show. "In this context it's less odd that it's lasted for over 30 years; and why it may last in some respects as long as Mother Goose!"

He may be optimistic on the eternal appeal of his show, but he's not wrong to imply that the idea of blended families could remain the subject of stories and movies for years to come.

This weekend "cinematic soulmates" Drew Barrymore and Adam Sandler reunite for a third time, following The Wedding Singer and 50 First Dates, for Blended, a romantic comedy about the mixing and mingling of two families.

Hollywood has been blending screen families for years. The grandfather of these blended family stories has to be Yours, Mine and Ours.

Based on the memoir Who Gets the Drumstick? by Helen Beardsley, this 1968 Lucille Ball, Henry Fonda film sees a widow with eight kids and a widower with 10 children (including Mike, played by Tim Matheson 10 years before he found fame in Animal House) become one big (almost) happy family.

The film was produced by Ball, who became so friendly with the Beardsleys she treated all 20 of them to a trip to Disneyland. ABC and Paramount Studios were so impressed with the film they gave the green light to the similarly themed The Brady Bunch show.

The same year, movie legend Doris Day made her final big-screen appearance in With Six You Get Egg Roll, a blended family story about a widow with three sons who marries a man with a daughter. The kids don't see eye to eye, but soon figure out a way to live together. Released so soon after Yours, Mine and Ours, Eggroll got good reviews, but, as Roger Ebert wrote at the time, "would probably seem funnier if it didn't suffer by comparison."

Finally, Step Brothers is an R-rated look at extreme Peter Pan Syndrome. Will Ferrell and John C. Reilly play 40ish men who become bunkmates and reluctant stepbrothers when their parents (Mary Steenburgen and Richard Jenkins) marry. The familiar reprimand "Grow up and act your age" fell on deaf ears with these guys. It's like watching two overweight, foul-mouthed 10-year-olds with thinning hair going at each other, but it is good vulgar fun.

Drew Barrymore and Adam Sandler play a widowed mom and a divorced dad who meet on a family safari after a disastrous blind date in Blended. CONTRIBUTED

Third-time rom-com charm

Getting their act together, again

On their third romantic comedy together, Adam Sandler and Drew Barrymore are obviously big fans of each other — though Sandler says that until their latest, Blended, it was all an act. "I love Drew. I've known her a long time. In all three movies, we have the pleasure of falling in love. The first two I faked it. But this one I really did," he jokes about his Wedding Singer and 50 First Dates co-star, to which she responds, "You fake it good."

The secret to their long-standing partnership? Timing and patience, according to Barrymore. This time, with Blended, they take on a rather unique set of dating circumstances: A widower and a divorcee, each with multiple kids at home, who initially meet on a disastrous blind date and then end up accidentally sharing a family vacation to Africa, where being forced to spend time with each other gives them a chance to reconsider each other's faults.

For their third go- round together, Sandler and Barrymore find themselves playing parents, which might have as much to do with their age as it does with the fact that both stars now have kids at home. As far as how she's doing as a new mom? Her co-star gives her high marks. "You're all about your kids," he says, smiling.

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The Word

Charlize shares that things are haPenning with Sean

Charlize Theron is finally opening up about her blossoming relationship with Sean Penn, and all it took was an interview with Vanity Fair. "Sean and I have known each other for 18 years. We were just really good friends," she tells the magazine. "And it's been slow going because you are aware that you could screw that up and lose it. We had to think about it. But at the end of the day, it was somewhat effortless. It just kind of naturally happened, and before I knew it I was in something that was making my life better. The people who really love me can see the effect it has had on me." She does admit, though, that the paparazzi attention has made developing a relationship a bit awkward. "I don't know how you have a healthy relationship with the whole world knowing about it," she says. "Look, we're dating, and I don't think we were trying to hide anything. We were photographed, the relationship was kind of written about. I recently did a day-long press junket, which I hadn't done in forever, and it's a harsh reminder that whatever people try to hide a press junket behind, it's really a roundabout way of getting at as much private s—— as they can. It was all about what I like to eat and avoiding questions about Sean or my son."

Nicole doesn't Kid about her man and her fam

Nicole Kidman is ready to give up her film career all together in favour of her family — she's just waiting for husband Keith Urban to ask. "If he said no, I wouldn't have done it. That's how we are," she tells the Daily Mail about her latest role as Grace Kelly in Grace of Monaco, which debuted at the Cannes Film Festival. "I know this sounds old-fashioned, but I do put it on the table. Because if it won't work for us, then I'm not doing it." When asked point-blank if she would quit acting should Urban request such a move, Kidman says, "Yeah, if he asked me. No question."

Sandra speaks: Actress advises teens about life, love and nose-picking

Seniors at Warren Easton Charter High School in New Orleans got quite a surprise when their graduation speaker turned out to be none other than Oscar-winner Sandra Bullock, according to E! News. And Bullock had some choice advice for the young adults in attendance. "Stop worrying so much. I don't remember any of the moments in my life where I worried. Raise the bar higher. Nothing is a failure, it's just not supposed to work out," she told the crowd. "Eat something green every day. Do not pick your nose in public — how about we just go get a tissue? When someone who cares about you hugs you, hug them back. If someone doesn't want to play with you, it's OK. Not everybody is going to love us. And last but not least, go find your joy. It's what you're going to remember in the end. It's not the worry, it's not the what-ifs. It's the joy that stays with you."

Sandra Bullock

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Finding the real Istanbul

Wanderlust. Turkey's famed city has your typical tourist haunts, but stray from beaten path for so much more

The Istanbul neighbourhood of Karakoy, with its cafés and galleries, has become a hub for the young. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Istanbul, the noisy Turkish metropolis on the Bosporus Strait lauded by many a travel ranking, has much more to offer than grand mosques and bazaars. Away from the din of typical tourist haunts, a walk around the neighbourhoods of Karakoy, Balat and Kuzguncuk will peel back the surface to reveal the city's multilayered history. As proof of Turkey's popularity, TripAdvisor just named the country the world's top destination, based on the website's ratings and user reviews.

Karakoy

Descending from the Galata Tower in the Beyoglu district, often regarded as the "pulse of Istanbul," one of the city's steepest hills will lead to Karakoy, an up-and-coming area hemming the Bosporus Strait. This one-time industrial neighbourhood is still home to a number of shops where anything from fishing equipment to Bunsen burners can be procured. But the hardware stores and workshops must now negotiate their space with new galleries and cafés that have created a hub for young hipsters. Past the Karakoy ferry terminal, one street over from the water, look for Namli Gurme, a restaurant and small marketplace offering a large selection of "mezes," or cold appetizers. Also served here is a cut of meat called "lokum," which means Turkish delight and is the term for anything wildly tasty and juicy (unlike the narrower meaning of the term Turkish delight outside the country, referring only to chewy sugary candies).

Balat

The Balat district is a quiet historic area by the Golden Horn, the narrowest stretch of the Bosporus. Its twisting streets and weathered houses, like antiques in an open museum, echo a past occupied by waves of Jewish, Greek, Bulgarian and Armenian residents. The area is now home mainly to working-class Turks from Black Sea towns and Central Anatolia. Adventurous tourists who can find the beauty in the decaying buildings and are willing to forgo the reliability of a map will enjoy wandering the hilly streets. Walking from the Galata Bridge by the seaside toward the end of the Golden Horn, the Gul Mosque is not to be missed. Formerly known as Saint Theodosia church, the cross-in-square orthodox church was converted into a mosque by Ottomans.

Kuzguncuk

On the Asia side of this continental crossroads of a city, the quiet, pictorial village of Kuzguncuk is minutes away from the Uskudar ferry terminal. It's lauded as a quieter, perhaps less jaded version of upscale Ortakoy on the European side. It is another well-known Jewish quarter, home to two synagogues. Among the seaside fish restaurants bearing views of the Bosporus Bridge, Ismet Baba generates the most fanfare. Uryanizade Sokak, running perpendicularly from Ismet Baba and the seaside, is a restored street lined with Ottoman houses and studios for artists. Farther north, the waterside showcases a string of Istanbul's famous classic wooden-framed mansions, known as "yali." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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A serving of spring

Vegetable Primavera.
The word 'primavera' literally means 'spring' in Italian. Add asparagus and fiddleheads for a seasonal touch

DINNER EXPRESS
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Once May hits, fresh vegetables become a bigger part of everyone's kitchen repertoire. Outdoor markets also begin to flourish and become colourful.

Taking the time to stroll through the market or grocery store can easily become daunting, so make a list! Choose a few great delicious recipes for the week and make your list, then set your sights on the market and grocer.

There is always a little room for wandering, but if time is of the essence, that grocery list will make you more efficient and ensure you're not wasting veggies by not using them.

Primavera means springtime in Italian, which makes sense as this dish showcases fresh vegetables and colours.

My version uses vegetable cocktail juice, which many people have on hand. It can, however, be easily substituted with your favourite pasta sauce.

Use your favourite spring vegetables like asparagus or fiddleheads. But don't worry that seasonality will ruin this dish, because your can get peppers, tomatoes and peas year-round! When you get bored, change up the vegetables and use a variety of colours. This pasta is also a wonderful way to use up leftover roasted or grilled vegetables.

Normally made with just vegetables, this version uses tofu for an added twist and a hit of protein.

Grind some fresh black pepper to finish the dish.

Ingredients

- 1 tbsp (15 ml) extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 cups (500 ml) cubed firm tofu
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) hot pepper flakes
- 1 cup (250 ml) vegetable cocktail juice
- 2 cups (500 ml) chopped fresh asparagus or peas
- 1 red bell pepper, thinly sliced
- 1 carrot, julienned
- 1 yellow or green zucchini, julienned
- 8 oz (227 g) whole-wheat fettuccine or linguine pasta
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) chopped fresh Italian parsley (optional)
- 3 tbsp (45 ml) freshly grated Parmesan cheese

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This recipe serves six. EMILY RICHARDS

1. In non-stick skillet, heat oil over medium-high heat. Brown tofu on all sides for about 3 minutes; remove to plate.

2. In same skillet over medium heat; cook garlic and red pepper flakes for 30 seconds. Add vegetable cocktail juice and stir to combine. Add asparagus, red pepper, carrot and zucchini; cook, stirring 10 minutes or until vegetables are tender crisp.

3. Meanwhile, in large pot of boiling salted water; cook fettuccine for about 8 minutes or until tender but firm. Drain and add to skillet. Stir in reserved tofu and toss to coat well. Sprinkle with parsley, if using and cheese.

Carrots moonlight as creamy fettuccine pasta

1. Heat the oven to 350 F.

2. In a shallow baking dish, spread the walnuts in an even layer and bake on the oven's middle shelf for 8 to 10 minutes, or until they smell fragrant. Remove and set aside.

3. Meanwhile, using a swivel blade or a Y-shaped vegetable peeler, peel the carrots into long fettuccine-like strands, discarding the core (or saving it for a snack or a stock).

4. In a large skillet, combine 1 cup of the chicken broth with the lemon zest, a hefty pinch of salt and several grinds of pepper. Whisk the mixture until the lemon is well distributed.

This Lemony Carrot "Fettuccine" with Toasted Walnuts serves four. MATTHEW MEAD/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts
- 2 lbs large carrots, peeled, stem ends discarded
- 1 1/4 cups low-sodium chicken or vegetable broth, divided
- 1 tbsp grated lemon zest
- Salt and ground black pepper
- 2 oz low-fat cream cheese
- 1 tsp lemon juice
- 2 tbsp chopped fresh chives

5. Cut up the cheese into small pieces and add it to the skillet along with the carrots. Cover the skillet tightly and bring the broth to a boil.

6. Reduce the heat and simmer the carrots, covered, for 3 minutes. Remove the lid, and stir the carrots gently with tongs to make sure the cheese is well distributed. Cover and simmer, adding the additional broth if the mixture seems dry, for another 1 to 2 minutes, or just until the carrots are tender.

7. Stir in the lemon juice, then season with salt and pepper. Divide the carrot "fettuccine" between 4 serving plates, then top each portion with a quarter of the toasted walnuts and the chives.

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Resumé on the run.
Remember to take extra care when you're casting your net extra-wide

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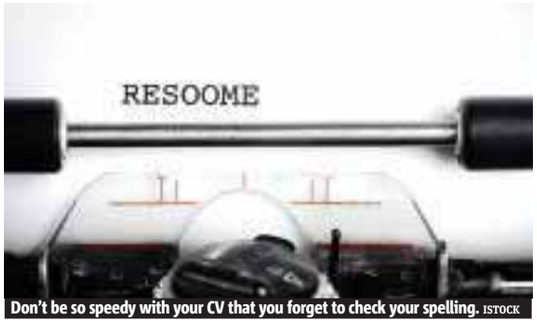
Everyone has been there: You're in such desperate need of a job, be it part-time or full-time, that you're sending out applications to just about anyone.

But now, having submitted multiple resumés, you can't quite figure out why you're not hearing back from employers. Here are some common things you may be doing that affect your job application.



Don't be so speedy with your CV that you forget to check your spelling. ISTOCK

Nothing says "hire me" like a blank email

Typing up a personalized email for every single place you apply is time-consuming.

You may think everything that the employer needs to know is in your attached resumé and cover letter, but a blank email shouts: "I'm too lazy to take the time to personalize this application for you."

Your email doesn't need to be (and shouldn't be) as detailed as your cover letter, but you should give your potential employer a brief overview of yourself, what job you're applying for, and why.

If a company receives hundreds of job applications, the ones that have blank emails will have an even harder time standing out from the pack and making it to the next round in the process.

Your resumé is just straight-up terrible

You're young and you may not have loads of work experience.

That's fine, but in 2014 there's no reason your resumé should have zero layout, be extremely disorganized, and/or be longer than if you had 20-plus years' experience.

It's so easy to have a clean, crisp resumé. Get started by searching "free resumé templates" in Google and download one ASAP; all you'll need to do is fill in the blanks.

In the long run, you'll probably want to make a resumé from scratch, but seeing samples can help you start thinking about (and planning) your own.

If you don't have much work experience, showcase other accomplishments you may have, such as volunteer experience or extra-curricular activities. There's no reason your resumé should include your education alone.

It should be no longer than two pages, and there's really no reason it should be more than one. Take a look at what's on your resumé: The drama award you won in Grade 5 is probably irrelevant now.

You miss important details on your resumé/cover letter

Everyone has done it — sent out an application without changing some key pieces of information.

Forgetting to change your career objective or including a cover letter for the wrong position are both surefire ways to get overlooked.

Take your time when applying for jobs and proofread everything. When an employer gets an application with the wrong company and position listed on it, it'll more than likely go straight into the trash, no matter how qualified you are.

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BFFs make post-grad pact

After-school activity.
College friends write about joys of staying in touch after graduation

ANDREA PARK
Metro World News

Even the closest of college friends can drift apart after graduation, but Jessica Pan and Rachel Kapelke-Dale were determined not to let this happen. The two friends made a pact to email each other every week after they graduated from Brown University, even though Jessica was moving to Beijing and Rachel was moving to New York.

Seven years after graduation, the two friends are as close as ever, and have pared down the most heartbreaking and hilarious emails that recounted their 20s in the new book Graduates in Wonderland. We talked to the authors about their formerly long-distance relationship and correspondence.

Rachel, you talk a lot about feeling miserable and lost right out of college once you moved to New York City. I found that a lot of my friends felt the same way after we graduated. Do you think it's more common than it seems?

Co-authors Rachel Kapelke-Dale, left, and Jessica Pan. IAN COOK

Kapelke-Dale: I think it's something that a lot of people go through when they move to New York, but they don't want to talk about it because it's such a great city that everyone dreams about ending up in. I did feel that Jess was one person I could talk to about my dreams not always matching the reality, and how I was still working on getting there.

Jess, do you think you were better off moving to Beijing and forgoing the conventional route?

Pan: I think I went to Beijing because I wanted an adventure, and it's easier to do different things there. You meet different kinds of people and connect really strongly to people that, if you met them in New York, you might not make that connection with them. I worked at a magazine, and I felt like it would have been harder for me to do that in New York. There were more opportunities because I was in a different place.

Tell me more about your pact.

Pan: We both had talked about this before graduation, about how we heard from our mothers that they had really great college friendships, but those friendships faded away in time because they hadn't kept in touch. We said, "We can't let this happen to us," and I was going to Beijing and she was going to New York. We said, "We have to stay close by really living what's going on in our lives instead of summaries every six months." We also felt like there was no point in keeping in touch if we weren't going to be honest: If you're not saying how down you feel or how terrible the sex was, who can you tell? The more honest we were, the less lonely we were.

Did you feel you were able to grow together even though you were so far apart?

Pan: Yeah, I do think we did. I'm an impulsive, sort of crazy person, and it's really good to have someone tell you when you're being too crazy. We went through the things every young woman goes through: Looking for the right career and going through heartbreak, etc., and I do think we grew together.

Kapelke-Dale: The importance of emailing once a week versus every six months is that you're giving advice and asking for advice and talking about adventures and humiliation, so you are actually experiencing them together.

Was it hard to go back through your emails?

Kapelke-Dale: It could be hard, but I think more than that it was emotionally interesting to get put back into those moments — "Wow, that was really hard" — or when you're looking at emails about some guy you haven't thought about in five years and you think, "Oh my God, I'm in love with him again."

And now you both live in London?

Pan: We live, like, five blocks away from each other and we see each other at least every week and probably every other day. When you're in your 20s and live in another city, it's such a gift to find out one of your best college friends lives there, too.

4 SPORTS

Hockey worlds

Canada tops group after tough win

From a disallowed goal to a penalty kill in the final minutes, Team Canada didn't enjoy a lot of easy moments in beating Norway 3-2.

But that's exactly how coach Dave Tippett wanted it, as his team got the regulation victory it needed Tuesday to finish first in Group A at the world hockey championship.

"We played well, and I like that we got pushed right to the end," Tippett said. "If it would've been a 5-1 or 6-1 game, maybe you get into bad habits, you just kind of float through it."

It remained close even after Joel Ward scored the second of his two goals, the eventual game-winner, midway through the third because Norway didn't go away.

Canada will face Finland in Group B in the quarter-final round Thursday.

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NBA draft lottery

Another Canadian kid in Cleveland?

The Cleveland Cavaliers have continued their remarkable lottery luck, winning the No. 1 pick in the NBA draft for the second straight year.

It's the third time in four years the Cavs will be atop the draft after moving up from the ninth spot. They had just a 1.7-per cent chance of winning the top spot Tuesday night.

They drafted Toronto's Anthony Bennett last year, and Andrew Wiggins, also of Toronto, is expected to be selected first this year.

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Rangers forward rich in experience

Conference finals. After winning a cup in '04, Brad Richards taking on a new role in New York

Brad Richards celebrates after scoring a goal against the Canadiens in Game 1 of the Eastern Conference finals on Saturday. A decade after winning his last cup, Richards has emerged as a leader in New York. BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES

It's Brad Richards' turn to be the old hand, tutoring his young New York Rangers teammates on what it's like to win a Stanley Cup.

It wasn't like that in 2004, when Richards and teammate Martin St. Louis won the cup with the Tampa Bay Lightning.

"This whole playoffs it's been fun to do that," the 34-year-old Richards said Tuesday. "When I was in Tampa, Marty also, we didn't really have a clue what we were doing.

"We were first time through it, leaning on other people, older people, asking them all the questions. It's fun to try to gather the group and talk about things. This group has come together so much and they ask a lot of questions. They make fun of us a lot for doing that, too, but it's fun to try to help out that way."

The Rangers are two wins away from a trip to the Stanley Cup final after taking the opening two games of the NHL Eastern Conference final from the Canadiens in Montreal.

They swamped the flat-footed Canadiens 7-2 in the series opener on Saturday afternoon, but then needed a 40-save effort from goalie Henrik Lundqvist to pull out a 3-1 win in a major Montreal push-back on Monday night.

Game 3 is set for Thursday night at Madison Square Garden.

In 2004, the Canadiens came back to beat Boston in the opening round but then were swept by the Lightning. This year, Montreal is again coming off a Game 7 win over the Bruins and is in danger of losing in four straight.

That has Richards, a P.E.I. native who played junior hockey in Quebec with the Rimouski Oceanic, and Montreal native St. Louis at 6-0 in career playoff games against the Canadiens.

Their message to teammates who haven't won a cup is to not let the opportunity slip away. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Breaking the Hab-it

Montreal coach Michel Therrien said his team is confident it can still win the series if it gives up fewer odd-man rushes and keeps up the fast-paced game it brought on Monday.

- "I believe that we will turn it around," said Therrien. "The first game was tough for us emotionally and physically. "We didn't get much time between Game 7 (against Boston) and Game 1 (against the Rangers), and it was an afternoon game. It shows in the result. But I thought we regrouped really well. We were a team that played with a lot of energy, that was pushing the pace, and we played a solid game."
- Therrien spoke to the media on a conference call while his players took what he said was a much-needed day off. They will practise on Tuesday before flying to New York.

NFL gave drugs recklessly: Player lawsuit

Opening another legal attack on the NFL over the long-term health of its athletes, a group of retired players accused the league in a lawsuit Tuesday of supplying them with powerful painkillers and other drugs that kept them in the game but led to serious complications later in life.

The lawsuit, which seeks unspecified damages on behalf of more than 500 ex-athletes, charges the NFL with putting profits ahead of players' health.

To speed injured athletes' return to the field, team doctors and trainers dispensed drugs illegally, without obtaining prescriptions or warnings of the possible side effects, the plaintiffs contend.

Some football players said they were never told they had broken bones and were instead fed pills to mask the pain. One said that instead of surgery, he was given anti-inflammatory drugs and excused from practices so he could play in games. Others said that after years of free pills from the NFL, they retired addicted to painkillers.

NFL spokesman Brian McCarthy, in Atlanta for the league's spring meetings, said: "We have not seen the lawsuit, and our attorneys have not had an opportunity to review it."

The case comes less than a year after the NFL agreed to pay $765 million to settle lawsuits from thousands of retired players who accused it of concealing the risks of concussions. A federal judge has yet to approve the settlement, expressing concern the amount is too small.

The athletes in the concussion case blamed dementia and other health problems on the bone-crushing hits that helped lift pro football to new heights of popularity.

The new lawsuit was filed in federal court in San Francisco and names eight players as plaintiffs, including three members of the NFL champion 1985 Chicago Bears: quarterback Jim McMahon, Hall of Fame defensive end Richard Dent, and offensive lineman Keith Van Horne.

More than 500 other former players have signed on, according to lawyers.

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Short-term gain, long-term pain

"Obviously, we were grown adults and we had a choice. But when a team doctor is saying this will take the pain away, you trust them." Former NFL player Kyle Turley

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Miami's Norris Cole goes to the basket as David West and Roy Hibbert of the Indiana Pacers defend during Game 2 of the Eastern Conference finals on Tuesday in Indianapolis. The series is now tied 1-1. ANDY LIONS/GETTY IMAGES

Heat rally to beat Pacers, tie series en route to Miami

One win each. LeBron leads Miami in decisive fourth quarter run

LeBron James scored six straight points to spark a decisive 12-2 run, and the Miami Heat beat the Indiana Pacers 87-83 on Tuesday night to leave the Eastern Conference finals tied at a game apiece.

James had 12 of his 22 points in the fourth quarter. Dwyane Wade had 23 points, 13 in the first half when the Heat desperately needed them to stay close, and 10 more in the fourth quarter when they had to rally.

Game 3 is Saturday in Miami.

Lance Stephenson tied his playoff career high with 25 points for the Pacers. Paul George scored 14.

The Heat trailed 73-69 with 7:19 left. But James hit a three-pointer, and then scored the first six points in the rally and the Heat defence gave up only eight points over the final five minutes.

Miami has won 11 straight games following a playoff loss and still has not trailed 2-0 in a series since the first round of the 2012 playoffs.

At times, the rough-and-tumble night took on the aura of a football game, especially late.

George and Wade banged knees while chasing a loose ball, then returned following the ensuing timeout. James crashed hard awkwardly to the floor when West was called for a flagrant one foul in the fourth quarter — a call later changed to a common foul following a replay review.

"That's what's it's about," James said. "It's not going to be pretty. Not in the Eastern Conference. It's never pretty basketball in the Eastern Conference. It's about who can sustain runs. You know, who can get defensive stops? Who can not turn the ball over and who can get great shots? I think we did that in the fourth."

Defence clearly was the theme of Game 2.

Two days after allowing the Pacers to score 107 points, their most in this year's post-season, Miami rallied in the first half by holding Indiana to just nine points over one 10-minute stretch. And they flipped the game late with a suffocating defence, too.

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Multitasking Villeneuve returns to the grid

Canadian driver Jacques Villeneuve has dabbled in a number of racing series over the last few years, tried his hand at broadcasting and hopes to eventually finish recording his next music album. His immediate focus is preparing for a return to the Indy 500 this weekend. It has made Villeneuve's busy season even more hectic, but it's a change of pace that he welcomes. DARON CUMMINGS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MLB

Jays deepen Boston's blues

Edwin Encarnacion hit a pair of two-run homers and the Toronto Blue Jays beat the Red Sox 7-4 on Tuesday night, handing Boston its fifth straight loss.

Melky Cabrera and Erik Kratz also homered for the Blue Jays, who won their second straight and sixth in eight games.

J.A. Happ (3-1) struck out six in the first three innings and picked up his third win in four starts since joining the rotation. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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- All-new vehicle in 2013, with a North American specific design, developed from a Fiat architecture first utilized on Alfa Romeo Giulietta.
- Five models for 2014: SE, SXT, Aero, Limited, GT.
- Exclusive to Aero model is 1.4 turbo and dual-clutch automatic transmission (optional), which offers a fuel economy rating of 7.2 L/100 km city and 4.9 L/100 km highway (39/58 mpg).

The extra blackness of Rally Group's wheels really pops.

Safety

Constructed of 68 per cent high-strength steel; 10 standard air bags; standard four-wheel disc brakes, traction control and stability control; available rear backup camera, blind spot monitoring, rear cross path detection, ParkSense Rear Park Assist; LATCH anchors that allow child seat to be placed in three rear-seat seat positions.

One competent compact

Review. Love it or not, the 2014 Dodge Dart is a comely and well-equipped beast

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Depending on how you like your compact car configured, you'll either love or ignore the 2014 Dodge Dart.

If you like base models, with their keen pricing and the extra fuel efficiency provided by their smallish engines, you might want to look elsewhere. The Dodge SE base model's 2.0-litre engine is neither fuel efficient nor snappy.

If you want to spend a bit more, and can, the Aero model is very fuel-efficient and snappy. Its high-tech 1.4-litre turbo engine, with 160 horsepower and 184 lb-ft of torque, is entertaining, especially when mated to the six-speed manual. Its only other transmission option is a fancy-pants dual-clutch version that promises quick and fun shifts in either self-shifting or automatic mode. But that transmission's "herky-jerky" manners at low speeds around town has not won it many fans.

So for model year 2015, Chrysler decided a couple of adjustments were in order for Dart.

The engine and transmission combination that did get some love from customers was the conventional six-speed automatic transmission and the 2.4-litre "Tigershark" Multi-Air engine with 184 horsepower and 171 lb-ft of torque. In 2013 the Tigershark was only available on the top-shelf GT model. For 2014, the engine has been made standard on the mid-level SXT and Limited models, as well as GT.

Hallelujah.

Our test victim was one of these newly endowed Darts — an SXT, outfitted with the six-speed automatic. Energuide rates this vehicle at 9.2 L/100 km City, and 6.3 Highway.

It's a comely and well-equipped beast.

The extra blackness of the Rally Group's aluminum wheels and front grille really "pops" amid the overall white-ness of this particular SXT. I always thought the Dart was a handsome vehicle; this black-and-white version is even more so.

On the road, the Dart feels really stable and confident and comfortable — a result of lots of European-based Fiat and Alfa engineering in its chassis DNA. While the engine and transmission combo are super smooth and powerful, I wouldn't call it charismatic. But that large, unstressed engine really suits the Dart.

Compare

1 Honda Civic Sedan
Base price: $17,218
Canada's best-selling car never seems to disappoint. Smooth and refined.

2 Hyundai Elantra
Base price: $17,594
Brought new sense of style to the compact segment. Roomy, with decent ride.

3 Mazda3
Base price: $17,690
Newest and most technically endowed of the compact competitors.

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Volvo is considering sensors that watch the driver, monitoring things like where the driver is looking. VOLVO

Has Volvo found the solution to distracted driving?

In development.

The car company is researching sensors that can tell when the driver is sleepy or not paying attention

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One of the major factors in car crashes is driver inattention. It can be deadly to ignore what's happening outside the windshield, whether because of fatigue, daydreaming, or looking at the stereo or a phone.

Several automakers are working on solutions to the problem, including Volvo, which is researching sensors that watch the driver. By monitoring such things as where the driver is looking, head position and angle, and how open the eyes are, the system can recognize inattention and take steps to ensure safety.

"If you know that a driver is distracted, you can activate features such as a forward collision warning," says Per Landfors, project leader for drive support functions at Volvo Cars in Sweden. "This is still in the experimental stage. The sensors aren't much different (from existing ones), but what's new is how they're connected to the car, and how the car adapts to you."

The technology uses a sensor that's mounted on the dash in front of the driver. It uses infrared light, emitted by small LEDs, to illuminate the driver to be visible to the sensor. People can't see infrared, so the driver doesn't notice it.

The sensor works like a camera and takes pictures, but doesn't store them. Instead, it analyzes the information in the picture, discards it, and then repeats the process, several times a second. "The car doesn't save any pictures, nor does it have a driver surveillance function," Landfors says.

If the sensor realizes that a driver isn't paying attention, it can activate some of the car's safety functions, depending on what it detects. For a sleepy driver, something like a quick brake pulse could wake him up. If the driver is distracted, systems that warn about imminent collisions, or that can stop the car completely if it's about to hit something, can be adjusted to intervene much sooner than they normally would. "If you're totally aware of what's going on, these can intervene a little bit later," Landfors says. "You only get the warning when you need it."

The system also has the potential to enhance driving for an alert operator. For example, if the system detects that the driver is looking at something on the road, it could aim the headlights toward it for better visibility.

Although the current system under development doesn't save or upload photos, Landfors says that at some time in the future, it is possible that the sensor could take a picture of the driver following a crash and forward it to emergency personnel, who would know in advance what type of trauma care will be necessary.

Quoted

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Per Landfors, project leader for drive support functions at Volvo Cars in Sweden

Coming soon?

Volvo expects that the recognition system will be available in cars by 2020, but possibly sooner than that.

- **Current Volvo cars can detect a drowsy driver, but this system can differentiate between drowsiness and inattention.**
- **Such systems may be a key to self-driving cars, which will need to know if a driver is paying attention and can take over the task.**

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Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
There are many things you have wanted to say but held back because you didn't want to upset people. With the Sun changing signs, you have no choice but to speak up. If you don't, it will be you who suffers.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
For the past few weeks, all eyes have been on you and there were times when you wanted to hide. Now you can, for a bit. Sooner or later though, you'll be back in the spotlight.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
Everything is right with the world. Or, if it isn't, it soon will be. The Sun moves into your sign today and a new solar year begins. What are your dreams? Now is the time to get serious.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Now that the Sun is moving into the most receptive area of your chart you will find it easier to deal with your sensitive side. For one thing you won't have to pretend that you never need a shoulder to cry on.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Get out and meet people who share your way of looking at things. On an individual level there is only so much you can do, but acting with others all things become possible.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You've been waiting in the shadows. And now is the hour to step out into the world and claim centre stage. The Sun's move into the career area of your chart will encourage you to be more ambitious.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
There will be an obvious change in your mood over the next two or three days. Where before you were high strung and often uptight now you will be relaxed and easygoing.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You seem to have got it into your head that you are entitled to something the world does not seem to want to give you. What happens today will make you realize that you get only what you fight for.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Find ways to get along with people who rub you the wrong way. Like it or not you are going to have to work closely with various individuals over the next few weeks, so forget about your differences.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
As the Sun moves into the work and wellbeing area of your chart today, slow things down — even if it means cutting back on your goals. Getting things done quickly is not as important as getting them done right.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
All worries of recent weeks will be swept away over the next 24 hours. No matter how difficult things have been for you, you will find new ways to make your dreams come true.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
You may not be in the mood to put yourself out for others but someone is in need of your assistance and you'll hate yourself in the long-term if you ignore them. SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

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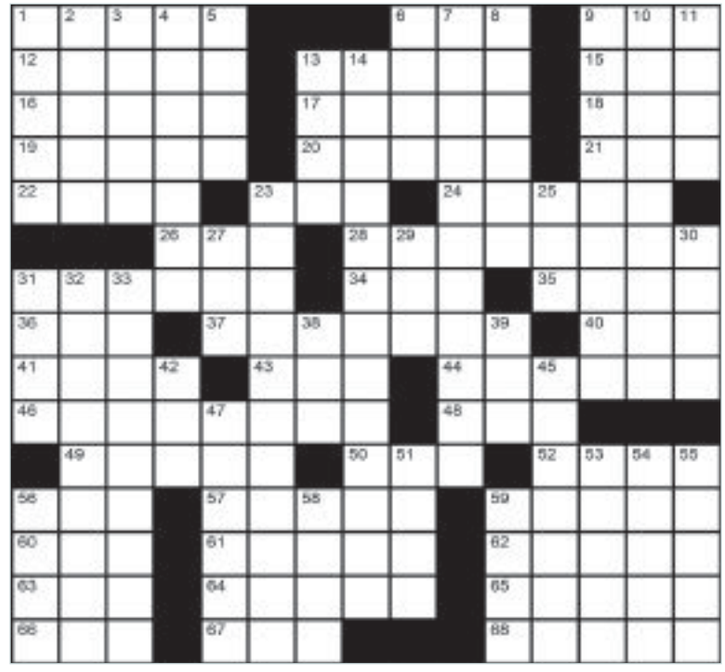


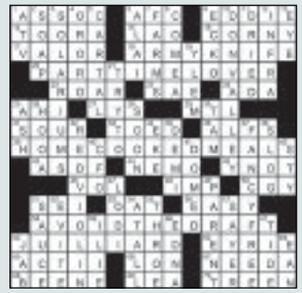
Across

1. Word coined by Tyra Banks for a type of photoshoot expression
6. Wedding doc.
9. ___ TVs
12. __ opposites
13. "Saying it __ __ thing, doing..."
15. Mr. Wallach
16. Cartoon style
17. Victoria, BC-born comedian Mr. Jones
18. Sight: French
19. Ticket remnants
20. Poet T.S.
21. Computer co.
22. Mini message
23. Mauna __ (Hawaiian volcano)
24. David Copperfield's Mr. Heep
26. Scot's refusal
28. James Cameron's gig
31. Stunning
34. Medical pros
35. Actress Elisabeth
36. Skater Midori
37. Designer Isaac
40. Communication syst.
41. 'Sultan' suffixes
43. "__ '_' comes fifth?" (Alphabet-learner's query)
44. Scotland's __ Islands
46. North Vancouver Island village
48. 'Ranch' suffix
49. Ancient Roman dictator
50. "Norma Rae" (1979) actress ...her initials-sharers
52. Mr. Werner
56. Bitty space beings
57. Glass-ceiling lobbies
59. Edgar Poe link
60. "Where __ _ begin?"
61. Subatomic particles
62. Explosive stuff
63. Wrath
64. "All systems __ __!"
65. Donnie Wahlberg's gr.
66. "Shameful!"
67. French possessive
68. 'Mississauga' has four

Down

1. Muscle __
2. Del __ (Canned fruit brand)
3. Trojan War's site
4. Hockey game machine
5. '70s Spanish hit: "__ Tu"
6. Ms. Loughlin
7. "...footprints wherever you choose..." goes this Sarah McLachlan song: 3 wds.
8. Middle
9. Canada's Wonderland roller coaster in Vaughan, ON; or, any huge thing
10. Canadian spices, baking products, etc. brand since 1883: 2 wds.
11. Carpe __!
13. 'Thought'-meaning prefix
14. Product for Canadian food brand Renee's: 2 wds.
23. Manitoba __ (Stop on Prince Charles and Camilla's visit to Winnipeg)
25. 'Acrobat' suffix
27. "Gimme __ '_'!" (Start of a cheer for Manitoba)
29. Mr. Gershwin
30. Trust
31. Filmdom's Cameron
32. Witnesses
33. Starring Joely Fisher, 2003 to '05 series on Canadian actor Chris Potter's resume, "__ __: Wild Card"
38. Madhouse
39. Not standard, briefly
42. Mr. Mineo
45. Anton __ Canadian Mustard, since 1948
47. Doubled-lettered-beginning animals
51. Burkina __ (West Africa nation)
53. Choir voices
54. Montreal 'menu'
55. Door accessories
56. Change
58. Some deer
59. Ms. Hathaway

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

		6			3			9
4				2				
		1				5	7	
2			7	8				5
9			2		6			1
6				9	4			2
	3	8				1		
				7				6
7			9			4		

Yesterday's Sudoku

9	2	5	3	8	1	6	7	4
3	8	6	4	2	7	9	5	1
7	1	4	5	6	9	8	3	2
8	7	9	2	1	5	3	4	6
5	4	1	6	9	3	2	8	7
2	6	3	7	4	8	1	9	5
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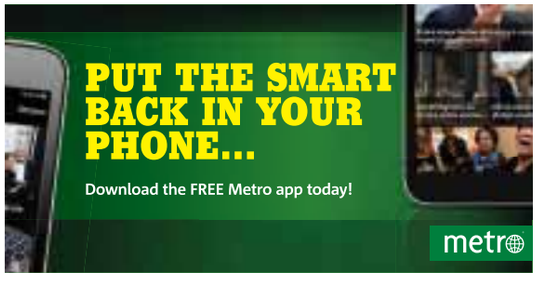

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